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School board recall petitions are circulated

Voters in the Romulus Community Schools district are being asked to reconsider their choices for members of the board of education.

Petitions seeking a recall of board President Debi Pyles, Vice-president Judy Kennard and Secretary Susan Evitts are being circulated throughout the community and have already gathered 1,000 of the needed 3,000 or so signatures, according to organizer Rita Hampton. The number of signatures required is based by state law on the number of voters in the last school election. Valid signatures of 25 percent of the number of voters in the last election for each petition are required to schedule a recall election. Hampton is hoping to collect the signatures within the 60-day state mandated time limit to force the issue onto the November ballot.

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A long-time educator, Hampton said the recall was prompted by the board members' handling of the suspension and subsequent firing of Superintendent of Schools Benjamin Edmondson. Hampton said the three board members and Trustee Nicole German have been united in their voting on nearly every issue concerning Edmondson. German is not targeted for recall as her term expires this year.

Despite the objections of the other three members of the board, Edmondson was abruptly placed on administrative leave during a Sept. 27 public meeting. Pyles said at the time the leave was to facilitate an investigation into district financial operations and that Edmondson was not a target of the probe but that his leave was necessary to complete the investigation.

Following several fractious and contentious board meeting during which the actions of the board were publicly criticized by members of the public, educators, students and union representatives, the four board members voted to terminate Edmondson during a Dec. 29 meeting. He has subsequently filed a lawsuit against the district and the board members citing racial discrimination, a sustained campaign of harassment and whistleblower retaliation.

Pyles said she agrees with a statement issued by Evitts regarding the recall petitions.

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Cabin comfort

Karl's marks 50 years of history in community

The shotgun is no longer nestled behind the bar and the illegal gambling has long been a thing of the past. The tradition of great food served in a rustic atmosphere remains, however, as one of the oldest dining establishments in the Plymouth area marks more than a half century of operations.

The abandoned, rustic log cabin that transformed into the polished structure than now houses Karl's Cabin on Gottfredson Road first caught the eye of Karl Poulos in 1981. Built on the corner of a farm in Salem Township, the craftsmanship of the authentic log structure intrigued Poulos, as did the somewhat checkered history of the various businesses once housed there.

The log building opened for the first time on Jan. 31, 1947 as Rusceak's Rustic Tavern and included an attached market for meats and groceries. That tavern, operated by Katie Rusceak, earned a legendary reputation as a rough and tumble bar. Rusceak was known to keep a shotgun behind the bar and had no compunction about using the weapon, according to police accounts. The tavern, hosting live music and dancing, continued for more than 20 years and Johnny Cash was the entertainment in 1956, according to area lore.

Rusceak sold the tavern in the 70s and it became Hefner's Hideaway, a biker bar with a notorious after-hours illegal gambling operation, an upstairs brothel, and a disreputable and disorderly clientele familiar to law enforcement agencies. When the Hideaway was closed, the building became The Stock Yard, a fine-dining steak house with an open pit grill.

Neither of those businesses survived and the restaurant building was abandoned in 1978. When Poulos discovered it in 1981, he was determined to bring homemade comfort food in a restaurant of his own to the area. His plans met the strong objections of his wife, Sophia, who held little hope for restoration of the abandoned building.

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Poulos' persistence succeeded, however, and the couple opened Karl's Family Restaurant in November of 1982 and while Karl Poulos worked in the kitchen refining his recipes and producing popular meals, Sophia Poulos charmed patrons at the door as she seated them.

For the last quarter-century, the restaurant, now known as Karl's Cabin, has been operated by a second generation of the Poulos family, Karl and Sophia's sons, Peter and Louis. The restaurant has survived the pandemic, being one of the first in the area to offer a complete take-out menu to keep patrons safe.

Peter and Louis Poulos credit the success of the restaurant to hard work and their "incredible staff."

"It's been a complete honor to serve this amazing community in this magical log cabin for nearly four decades," the brothers said in a prepared statement. "We thank our wonderful patrons for all the support and loyalty throughout the years, especially over the last 21 months, with a special shout out to all of our past employees who are forever part of the Karl's family.

"Here's to 75 years of colorful history. Happy birthday to "The Cabin," the brothers said.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 1947 THE ANN ARBOR NE

GRAND OPENING
FRIDAY, JAN. 31
OF A. RUSCEAK'S
Rustic Tavern
BEER
WINE
DANCING
SHORT ORDERS
SUPER MARKET
GROCERIES — MEATS
COMPLETE SHARP FREEZE PROCESSING
MARKET OWNED AND OPERATED BY GIL. THORNE
See this beautiful, new rustic building—all rustic interior.
PLAN TO ATTEND OUR OPENING
9775-9779 N. Territorial Road at
Gotfredson Rd.
11 Miles from Ann Arbor
TWO ROUTES ON HOW TO GET THERE: U. S. 12 (Plymouth Rd.) to Gotfredson Rd. turn left, continue to N. Territorial Rd. Or take Pantiac Trail to N. Territorial Rd. and turn right, continue to Gotfredson Rd.

Sumpter agrees to consider $6.5 million bicycle path

Sumpter Township Trustees have agreed to entertain the concept of a $6.5 million bicycle/pedestrian path in the community.

Trustee Don LaPorte told his fellow board members that he had suggested the idea of a bike bath connecting Sumpter Township to other paths eventually leading to Lower Huron Metro Park to Wayne County officials "sometime last winter." He said he received a response recently from the county stating that the Sumpter proposal is on the "top of the county's list."

The 13.5 miles of bike and pedestrian path would be funded by federal American Recovery Act funding administered by the county.

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"We don't get to say we want the $6.5 million for another project. The county takes the money and builds the pedestrian/bike path," he said. LaPorte said that his understanding was that the township portion of the project, if it were to come to fruition, would be about $250,000.

"That would be the township's skin in the game for a $6.5 million project," he said.

LaPorte reiterated that an approval of the concept during the meeting would not obligate the township in any way to the project and that the issue was conceptual only.

"I believe it is a huge benefit for the community," he said. "If we move forward, we will have more specifics. I was told that this is one of the biggest projects ever submitted by Sumpter Township to the county."

Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush noted that prior to any commitment from the township for such an extensive project, there would be public hearings and much more information provided.

"The resolution does not approve anything. There would be public hearings and public comments. It's too early to answer questions. We shouldn't even be discussing it at this time," he said in response to a question from the audience.

LaPorte agreed and noted that the township could back out of the arrangement at any time.

"I don't know why you would

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Canton

Township to continue battle for tree ordinance

Despite a recent court defeat, Canton Township officials will continue to pursue enforcement of the municipal tree ordinance.

In a prepared statement last week, Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and attorney Kristin Kolb said a recent decision in the federal court system will not halt the township battle to enforce the ordinance while other litigation is pending. The township tree ordinance regulates the removal of trees from property within the township boundaries and requires the replacement or financial equivalent of trees removed. The township will continue to pursue the battle in the Michigan Court of Appeals, according to the statement.

Graham-Hudak said the township is not pursuing the mitigation fees it sought from F.P. Development since a federal appeals panel agreed that its tree ordinance is unconstitutional and the federal appellate court also denied a request to have all the judges hear the case. Any additional tree removals will be subjected to a permit fee.

"Board members reviewed the $72,439.46 spent on the F.P. Development case to date and decided not to pursue an additional appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and to comply with the ruling of the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals," Graham-Hudak said.

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati decided in favor of Frank Powelson and his FP Development LLC late last year.

"(Yet) there is one outstanding court case challenging our tree ordinance, a state court case, Canton v. 44650, Inc.," Graham-Hudak said. "We are still defending our tree ordinance in that case. There are other issues that the 6th Circuit did not decide that we believe will give the Michigan Court of Appeals a chance to rule in our favor."

> *We will be working to amend the ordinance to comply with the court's ruling while still protecting the vibrancy of our community.*

Graham-Hudak said that the tree fund is an effort to preserve green space and the ecology in the township.

"Trees and greenspace are vital to the quality of life in our community," Graham-Hudak said. "Trees mitigate flooding and soil erosion, produce oxygen, provide natural habitat for wildlife and contribute to an aesthetic that makes Canton a place where people want to live, work and enjoy the natural landscape.

"While we are disappointed in the court's decision," she continued. "We will be working to amend the ordinance to comply with the court's ruling while still protecting the vibrancy of our community."

She added that township officials are reviewing zoning rules so the township can continue mitigating flooding and soil erosion and address other preservation needs.

The township continues to require tree surveys of residential property owners with more than 2 acres and commercial property owners wanting to remove trees. The surveys include details like species, sizes and locations for some trees, and trees to be removed.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a not-for-profit entity, has been representing on a pro-bono basis Frank Powelson and his FP Development LLC, and in a separate case Matt and Gary Percy, who own ADT Transport Express and 44650, Inc.

Township regulations required Powelson plant new trees or deposit $50,000 in the township tree fund prompting the original 2018 lawsuit upheld by the appeals court. The Percys were being charged $500,000 for their removal of trees from land in the township.

Children's magician set to perform at Village Theatre

As seen on Sesame Street and Sprout Network, Mario "the Maker Magician" Marchese is set to appear on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton 1t 3 p.m Saturday, March 19.

Touted as "the best kids' magician in the world" by David Blaine, Mario is more than just a performer, he is also an inventor who creates his own props. He is known for his dedication to the Maker Movement and STEAM initiatives and his integration of DIY electronics and robotics into his performance. Mario has been called the modern age's Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, with a creative 'thinking outside the box' inventor twist.

"Mario's energetic and engaging performances are modern takes on the old school vaudeville acts that feature recreated electronics that are made from unused, broken raw materials from discarded computers and gadgets," said Canton Performing Arts Coordinator Ben Frick. "This interactive, hilarious act is sure to delight audiences of all ages."

The show continues for approximately 50-60 minutes in length without intermission and is ideal for ages 3-10 and their families. Tickets for this performance range from $15-$20 and are available for purchase online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to showtime. Preview Mario the Maker Magician in action at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6A7FStBR5s.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187.

For additional information about this special performance, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

Photo of Mario the Maker Magician provided courtesy of the artist.

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO FORFEIT

TO: Marcus Timmons

You are hereby notified that on November 12, 2021, pursuant to MCL 600.4701, the Canton Township Police Department seized, with intent to forfeit, the following described property: $161.50 U.S. Currency. You are not required to do anything further at this time to claim an interest in the seized property. A civil forfeiture matter may follow the criminal proceeding which will require further process of which you will be notified. You may contact the Canton Township Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, phone: 734-394-5400.

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works, 4847 Sheldon Road S, Canton, Michigan 48188. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Division of Public Works at 734/397-1011 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

THANK YOU
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2022 SIDEWALK REP AIR PROGRAM
HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS:

ZONE 7 - Scheduled Subdivisions

Cherry Knoll Estates # 1	Embassy Square
Cherry Knoll Estates #2	Fellows Creek
Cobblestone Ridge # 1	Grand Oaks
Cobblestone Ridge #2	Meadowbrook # 1
Cobblestone Ridge #3	Meadowbrook #2
Cobblestone Ridge #4	Savannah Pointe

(Including Miscellaneous Locations)

ALL subdivisions located in **ZONE SEVEN** are north of Cherry Hill Road, west of Sheldon Road, east of Beck Road and south of Ford Road

SEE ATTACHED MAP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will also provide the opportunity to attend virtually. Please check our website at www.canton-mi.org/agendacenter to access the zoom link for this meeting. Public comments may be submitted to Michael.Siegrist@canton-mi.org at any time prior to the meeting. The Clerk will read comments submitted within the Rules of the Township Board during the meeting. Members of the public who attend by telephone or video may address the Board during the public comment period.

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2022 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM - TARGET ZONE 7 - SUBDIVISIONS
Section 16 & W ½ Section 15

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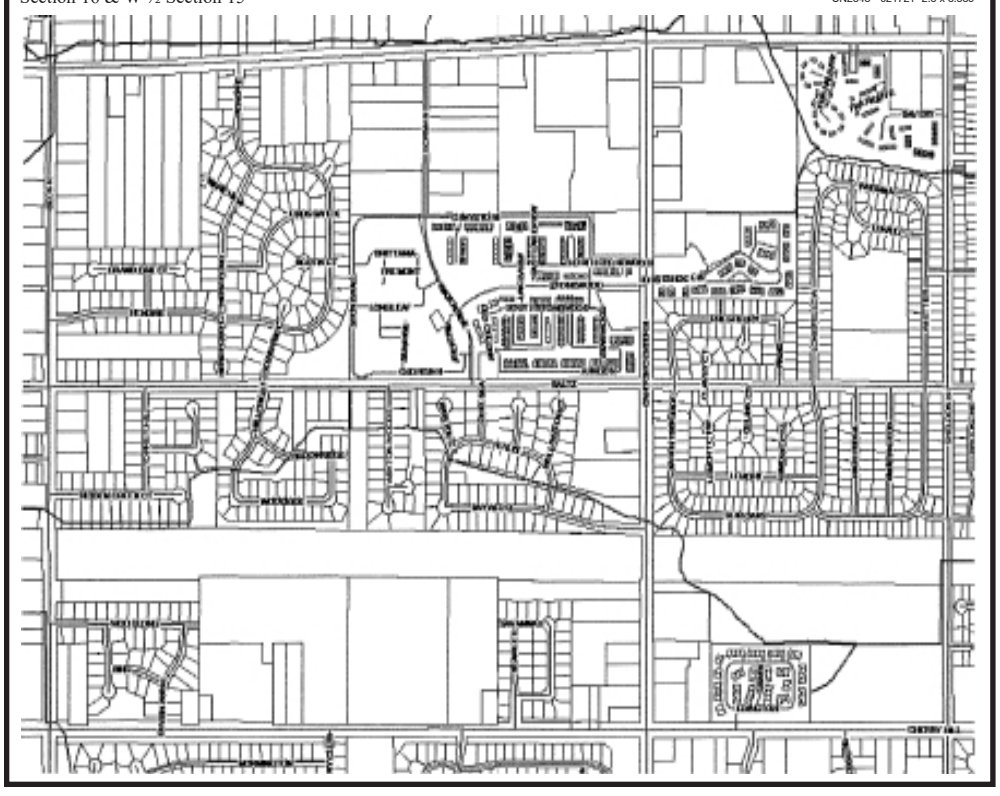

PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188** on the following proposed amendment to the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8.00 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS:

BLESSING REZONING - Consider request to rezone parcel 71-026-99-0003-000 (no address) from RR, Rural Residential to R-1, Single Family Residential. The parcel is located on the south side of Warren Road and on the east side of Napier Road.

Public comments may be made during the meeting. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022. Written comments may be emailed to patrick.sloan@canton-mi.org or delivered to the Township Administration Building at 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Canton Township residents; the Canton Township Planning Commission will also offer this meeting by video teleconference.

Individuals may attend the meeting in person or join the video teleconference by going to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87879722837

Or iPhone one-tap:
1-312-626-6799 (87879722837#) or 1-646-558-8656 (87879722837#)

Or Telephone:
1-312-626-6799 or 1-646-558-8656

Webinar ID: 878 7972 2837

International numbers available: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kAjiTXcE2

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Greg Greene, Chairman
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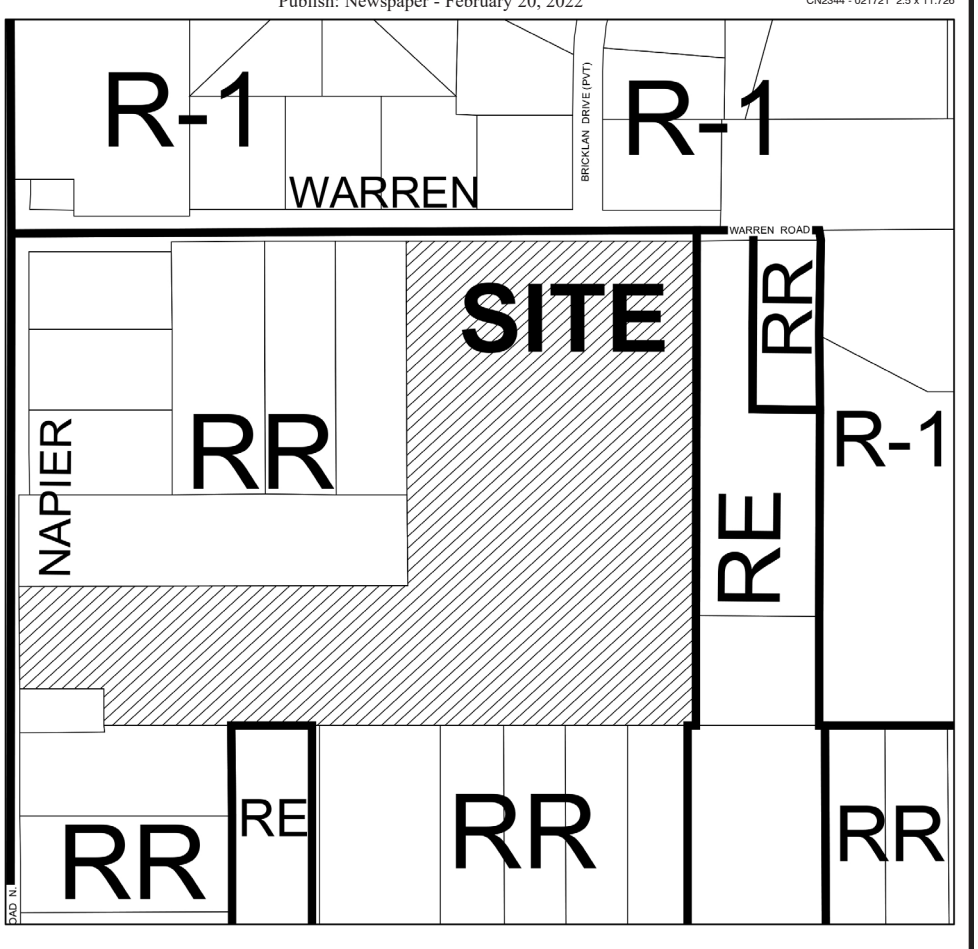

NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Hall of Fame nominations sought in Northville

Nominations for induction into the Northville High School Hall of Fame will be accepted until March 30.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor the top student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and teams who have made a positive impact on the local community, who have earned success on and off the field and who provide role models for current student-athletes. The Hall of Fame will create an increased awareness and pride in Northville High School, according to a statement from school officials.

The selection committee for the honor will include the athletic director; a current or former coach; a current or former teacher; a current or former administrator and an alumni who will review and select inductees.

The committee members will also be responsible for the Wall of Champions ceremony and maintain the Hall of Fame at Northville High School.

Student Athlete Nominees must be a graduate (in good standing) of Northville High School and will be eligible for nomination after a minimum of 5 years following the end of the nominee's athletic career.

> *"The nominee must have had a direct significant impact on high school athletics.*

The nominee must have earned at least two varsity letters in any sport offered at Northville and must have earned recognition for their athletic accolades. For example, All-State, All-Conference, All-Division honors, etc.

Coach/Administrator nominees must have served Northville High School a minimum of 10 years and demonstrated evidence of outstanding coaching or administration career.

The nominee must have had a direct significant impact on high school athletics.

Athletic Teams nominees must have won at least one MHSAA championship. For example won a district, regional, final four appearance, state runner-ups, or state championship.

A team would be eligible 5 years following the championship year.

Lifetime "Mustang" Award nominees must have served Northville High School for a significant number of years and have evidence of outstanding commitment and support to the athletic department.

Nominations and supporting documents must be completed on the Northville Hall of Fame Nomination Google Form.

For more information,contact Athletic Director Brian Samulski at:samulskibr@northvilleschools.org

Sweet stuff

Maybury Farm Maple Syrup tours set to begin next month

Ever wonder how maple syrup gets made?

Maybury Farm in Northville has the answer with the Maple Syrup Tours that begin next month. Each tour begins with a tractor-drawn wagon to the Sugar Bush where visitors walk into the woods (sugarbush) and learn about maple trees, how to tap and how to collect the sap. Next stop is the Sugar Shack to watch the sap converted into maple syrup. Visitors will have an opportunity to taste the finished syrup.

As the tour ends, visitors can head inside the Maybury Farm General Store where hot drinks and snacks are available to purchase. Maybury Farm will be selling Pure Michigan Maple Syrup and other maple products. The free "Cooking with Maple Syrup" recipes will be available and the Batter Up Waffle Truck will be serving up breakfast topped with Pure Michigan Maple Syrup sold at the farm. Visitors can also visit the animals while at the farm.

Maple Syrup Tours begin promptly at 12:30, 1, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, and 4:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday, March 5 - 27. To schedule, a private Maple Syrup Tour for groups of 15 or more, call (248) 704-9211. No reservations are required for the Maple Syrup Tours. Tour wagons leave every half hour and are limited to not more than 22 people. Masks are not required but are highly recommended. The cost is $10 per person, with children under the age of 2 admitted with an adult. Visitors should dress warmly and wear boots to walk into the sugarbush, organizers advised.

The Maple Syrup Tours are a popular spring attraction at Maybury Farm.

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization ad is a working farm with a mission to connect the community to animals and agriculture through hands-on experiences that are both engaging and educational. Maybury Farm is open to the public Tuesday-Sunday beginning April 7. The farm offers Farm Tours, Storytime, Farm Camp, special events, birthday parties, and a fall Corn Maze. Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, 1/2 mile west of Maybury State Park. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign, do not enter the State Park. Parking is free at Maybury Farm. For more information, visit www.mayburyfarm.org or www.facebook.com/mayburyfarm.

Paid parking plan proposed

Paid parking in downtown Plymouth is under consideration, again.

City administrators were directed to revive and rework a plan to gather information regarding implementing paid parking during the Feb. 7 meeting of the members of the Plymouth City Commission.

A proposal for paid parking in the downtown area was under consideration in both 2019 and 2020 but was adjourned by commissioners due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Administrators have been instructed to update the former proposal for review by the commissioners. A final proposal will be referred to other city boards and potential focus groups for discussion prior to any final decision, according to city officials.

No decision on the implementation of paid parking has yet been made, officials stressed.

Chamber director is named

Douglas Wallace has been named as the Executive Director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "Doug brings a wealth of knowledge and years of leadership experience to the chamber," said Chairman of the Board Aaron Cozart. Wallace recently served as the president of the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce and served as the vice president of membership services for the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. "We are excited to welcome Doug back to the community he calls home and extremely eager for him to begin his role as executive director," Cozart said. Wallace began his new position Feb. 14.

Township of Sumpter
2022
March Board of Review

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.
THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 8th, 2022	*4:30 PM Organizational Meeting*
Monday, March 14th, 2022	*1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments*
Wednesday, March 16th , 2022	*9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments*

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 12:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursday at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

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March 3rd, 2022

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2022 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2022 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment and can be in-person or submitted in writing. **Letters of appeal must be received by March 17, 2022 by 8:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.** Please call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday March 08, 2022 9:00 am Organizational Meeting

Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Monday March 14, 2022 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday March 15, 2022 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday March 17, 2022 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website www.twp.northville.mi.us under Assessing, click on Board of Review Assessment Information or at www.michigan.gov/treasury under forms.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2022 are as follows:

Agricultural……50.00%
Commercial……48.66%
Industrial……49.82%
Residential……48.71%
Timber-Cutover…….50.00%
Developmental.....50.00%
Personal Property….50.00%

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

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LEGAL SUMMARY

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 74
UTILITIES ORDINANCE, PART I

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II, ENTITLED "SEWER CHARGES GENERALLY", SECTION 74-82 AND "SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES", SECTION 74-83.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE (a) ESTABLISH THE LOTZ ROAD SEWER DISTRICT AND (b) PROVIDE FOR REVISED SEWER RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE DISTRICT.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 & 2. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE

This Ordinance is hereby adopted to amend Part 1, Chapter 74, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 74-82(3) sewer charges generally and 74-83(b) sewer rates and charges.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL

All Ordinances, or part of the Ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE

All rights and duties which have been mattered, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

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Romulus

Court rejects plan for Chippewa casino in city

A recent decision by a federal appellate panel is not the end of a battle to build a casino in Romulus.

The Feb. 4 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit agreed with the U.S. Department of Interior that the Romulus property could not be considered an enhancement of existing tribal lands and thus couldn't be held in trust by the Department of Interior.

"We are deeply disappointed in the U.S. DOI's decision to deny our mandatory trust land petitions for Lansing and Romulus," said Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians President Aaron Payment, "largely because it is based on a flawed legal analysis and because our Land Claims Settlement Act approved by the Congress of the United States in 1997 clearly requires that the applications be approved."

The case stems from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe purchase of about 71 acres in Romulus, referred to as the Sibley Parcel, in 2015. The land was purchased using interest from the tribal "self-sufficiency fund" for the "enhancement of tribal lands" with plans to build a casino on the property.

Land acquired with federal fund interest is required to be "held in trust" by the Department of Interior.

> *Our tribe must press forward in our efforts to hold the U.S. government to its mandatory trust obligations.*

The Romulus and Lansing sites are 287-miles and 365-miles from the tribal headquarters in Sault Ste. Marie, according to a rejection letter from Department of Interior Associate Deputy Secretary James Carson.

"The Tribe … has provided no evidence to support its argument," Carson wrote in the letter. "… I conclude that the Tribe has failed to meet its burden of demonstrating that its acquisition of the Parcels would effect an 'enhancement' of tribal lands as necessary to trigger the mandatory land-into-trust provision. Therefore, the applications are denied."

Payment said the tribe is not giving up.

"The law is clear: The Secretary is required to accept these parcels in trust," he said.

"The tribe is disappointed that a divided appeals court panel reversed a thoughtful decision at the district court level," the tribal board of directors said in a statement.

"Our tribe must press forward in our efforts to hold the U.S. government to its mandatory trust obligations."

Critics of the plan had argued that a Metro Detroit tribal casino would cut into revenues from the MGM Grand, MotorCity and Greektown casinos in Detroit. Michigan has 24 existing tribal casinos.

Back to school

Romulus officer takes Detroit School District position

After 15 years with the Romulus Police Department, Lt. Labrit Jackson has decided to take his passion for service to Detroit Public Schools Community District, where he will serve as deputy chief of police.

"While Jackson remains a Romulus resident, the community will miss his dependability, passion and commitment to our police department and public safety," commented Police Chief Robert Pfannes.

"I believe one of the highest forms of service an individual can perform is choosing to protect his neighborhood in the capacity of law enforcement," Jackson said. "Helping people has always been a goal of mine, and Romulus seemed like a good place to do just that."

Jackson applied to the department and was hired as an officer in January 2006.

For nearly 20 years, Jackson has given back to the City of Romulus in multiple capacities-both as a police officer and in his spare time as a community member. Jackson served as the school resource officer for Romulus Community Schools for five years, and he remains in contact with former students and their parents. Jackson has also served on the Romulus Drug Task Force and is currently a member of Police and Community Together (PACT).

'Jackson has been a big part of the heart and soul of the Romulus Police Department," Pfannes said. "Mentoring kids, preparing them for the future and developing their potential is his passion and his new career with Detroit Public Schools Community District is a tremendous opportunity for him to impact an even larger group of Metro Detroit's future leaders."

Over the years, Jackson has worked closely with Romulus youth. From 2013-2018, Jackson coached the Romulus Middle School football team. In those six years, the team didn't lose a single game, and in 2018 they didn't give up any points. In 2019, Jackson coached the Romulus Flyers, a football team, through the Romulus Athletic Club. During that season, The Flyers JV won the Peanut Bowl Championship. A lover of all sports, he's also coached soccer and basketball for the Romulus Recreation Department. Through the relationships he built as a coach, Jackson and his wife, Jennifer, were granted guardianship of one of his former players in 2019, and he has been a part of their family ever since.

Jackson said his favorite thing about Romulus, is the community and his fondest memory is the sense of camaraderie and pride when the Romulus High School varsity basketball team played in the state championship in 2013.

"Romulus is a true community where neighbors look out for each other, and everyone seems to know each other," Jackson said. "If you're a stranger or new to the community, you don't remain that way for long."

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Recall

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"Our job as board members is to ensure the kids are learning, the taxpayers' money is properly accounted for, and the schools are providing a safe, effective environment for our students to prepare for their futures. At a recent board meeting we signed an agreement recommitting all of us to those goals. It was a formal gesture, acknowledging the people of Romulus want us to stop bickering and work together for the kids.

"Some board members chose not to join in that gesture. That is their decision. Some in the district want to continue pursuing a recall. Again, that's their decision. If they put this much effort into helping the school move forward, our kids would reap those benefits. We've left the door open for them to join us in the work that lies ahead. We're not fighting. We're not bickering in public. We're here for the kids of Romulus Community Schools, and we're taking care of business for them, and that's it. In the coming weeks and months, parents in the district are going to see clearly our challenges, our enormous potential and our plan to achieve some of the important goals our parents have asked for. It's an exciting time," Evitts said.

Hampton said she has received strong support for the recall effort and that many residents have displayed lawn signs supporting her efforts. She said that an anonymous donor funded the installation of a large billboard near Wayne and Ecorse roads in support of the recall and the resignation of German. She added that she will personally take the recall petition to any qualified voter who wants to sign onto the effort.

"I'm going to keep on fighting because this is about the future of our society," she said.

Hampton can be reached at (734) 754-1177.

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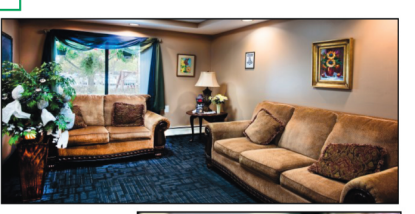

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Random acts

Students rewarded for kindness

A second group of students has been honored for acts of kindness by members of the Westland City Council.

During the regular council meeting last week, four students from the 17 Wayne-Westland school were awarded a $20 gift card in recognition of their Random Acts of Kindness. The program is a partnership of the Westland Compassionate City Committee and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Honored were Jalon Lewis of Edison Elementary, Mohammad Akbari of Elliott Elementary, Quincy Choice of Hicks Elementary, and Aiden Stanfield of Hamilton Elementary.

Lewis was nominated for his action in turning in money that he found that didn't belong to him. On his nomination form, Lewis was lauded as "a very responsible and respectful student. His act of kindness shows what great character Jalon has. He is an excellent role model for his classmates both academically and socially."

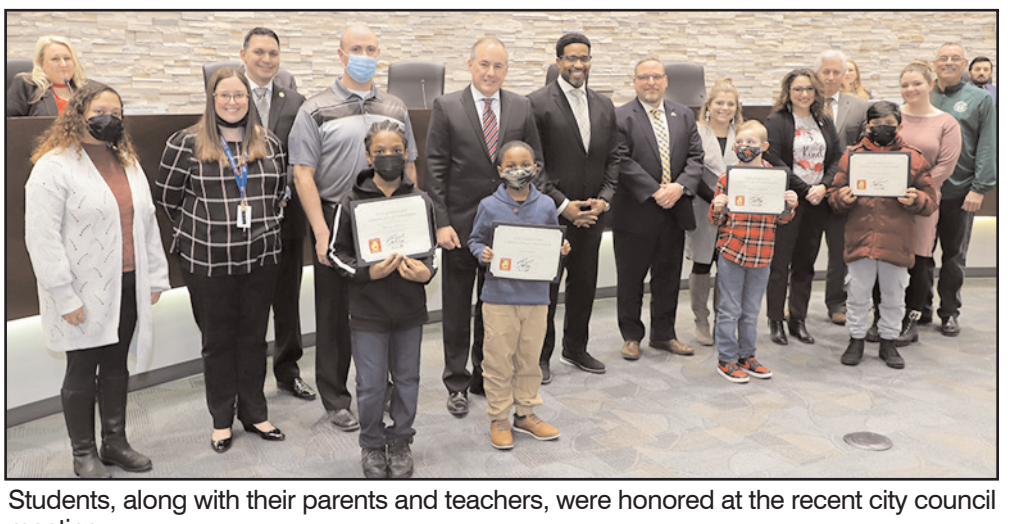
Akbari was nominated by a classmate, who said: "Mohammad helped me clean up a mess that I made, and he also helped another student put away their Chromebook".

Akbari is described by educators as a "a kind, compassionate, and hardworking student. He goes above and beyond classroom expectations to be safe, respectful, and responsible at Elliott Elementary School. He is always willing to volunteer his time and talents to help others. He even volunteered to help decorate the Kindness Box that is displayed in the front lobby! He is a wonderful role model."

Choice's nomination was based on his kind words and compliments to a classmate which helped the other student feel better.

"Quincy is a quiet and thoughtful student. He exhibits our motto of be responsible, be respectful, and be safe on a daily basis while interacting with teachers and students. He shows kindness to everyone he meets and is committed to doing his best every day," educators said.

It was Nov. 30 during a snowy recess when Stanfield realized another student didn't have winter boots.



Students, along with their parents and teachers, were honored at the recent city council meeting.

"Recess is just not the same," he said. Stanfield said he felt bad for his friend, so he insistently declared that he was going to get his classmate some boots. After collaborating with both students' mothers, Hamilton orchestrated a private exchange that left the student in need of boots speechless, and their school social worker in tears.

"Congratulations to these fine young students and their support system who have shown them the way to compassion. This partnership will reveal more of our outstanding young compassionate students every month at the second city council meeting. #CompassionateCity Westland Police Community Partnership," said Mayor William R. Wild.

Safety measures

Members of the City of Wayne Police Department are offering free, high-quality KN95 masks to the public. The masks are the quality recommended by the Center for Disease Control to help control the spread of the Corona virus and the variants currently affecting the public. While the infection numbers are decreasing, health officials recommend that masks be worn in indoor situations where there may be contact with others. The masks are available at the Wayne Police Station, 33701 Michigan Ave. For more information, call (734) 721 01414.

Mayor reappoints 5 in city

Several reappointments to boards and commissions in Westland were recently approved by members of the city council.

Gretchen Heinicke has been reappointed to serve on the Economic Development Corporation (EDC)/Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) for a new 6-year term set to expire in February 2028. Heinicke is the current President and CEO of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

John Sullivan has been reappointed to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) for a 4-year term set to expire in February 2026. Sullivan is a local attorney and also served as Wayne County Commissioner from 1999 until 2007.

Robert Farsakian has also been reappointed to the LDFA for a new 4-year term. Farsakian has served on the LDFA since 2002. He has been a resident of Westland for more than 30 years and is the owner of Rock of Ages in Garden City.

Ralph Cabildo has been reappointed to the Downtown Development Authority for a new 4-year term to expire February 2026. A Westland resident for more than 45 years, Cabildo's business, RC DJ and Video Productions, has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 2003.

Judy McKinney and Ray Schuholz have both been reappointed by Mayor William R. Wild to serve on the Disability Concerns Committee for terms which began in January 2022. Each will serve a 3-year term which will expire in January 2025.

Anyone interested in serving on a Westland board or commission can find a complete list of vacancies, information, requirements and explanations on each and an application on www.cityofwestland.com.

For more information, contact Wild's office at (734) 467-3200.

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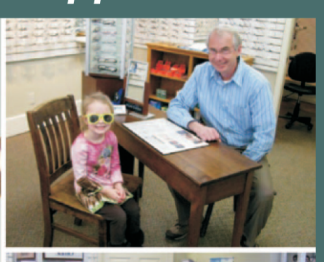

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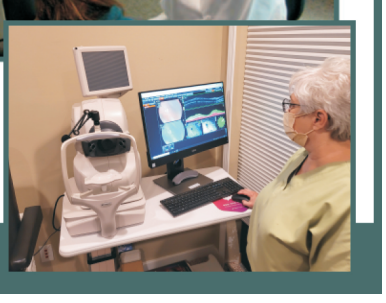

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Inkster - Sumpter

Inkster dedicates sign to 80s 'Funkateers' group

A raging blizzard and freezing temperatures didn't impact the warm welcome received by The Funkateers in Inkster earlier this month.

The official sign welcoming motorists to the community now includes the designation as Home of the Funkateers which members of the 80s dance group helped dedicate during the snowstorm two weeks ago.

Three members of the original dance group, Michael Kelly, Ed Miller and Tony Warren were on hand at the official dedication of the sign. The Funkateers are noted for changing the landscape of dance in the 1980s from their first appearance at an Inkster High School talent show.

After the talent show, the group was immediately booked to perform their unique dance style at a hall in Detroit and collected their first paycheck for their dancing routines.

"It was so amazing that we made $500 at 19 years of age. And he (the booking agent) said he wanted to manage us, so that started the ascent right there," Kelly said. The group subsequently made multiple appearances on Detroit television and on other dance shows and developed a large fan base.

Three members of the 80s Funkateers group were on hand for the dedication of an Inkster city sign honoring their achievements.

"It was beautiful to have a dance that we made up, and it was the same dance as our group name," said Miller. "The Funkateer was just a different dance, leg movements, all this stuff like that."

"It was kind of like a culture that evolved right here from Inkster," said Warren.

One original member of the group, De'Amon "Cricket" Ellerson, has died and two others, Tony Lacey and Jeffery Healey were unavailable for the official dedication of the sign.

"We were always told we were ahead of our time," Warren said. "We brought a unique style, and we paved a lane that wasn't there before we got there."

The three said they wanted to express their gratitude to Inkster officials for adding them to the city welcoming sign, particularly Mayor Patrick Wimberley for leading the effort to recognize them.

"It feels so good. I can't even describe it in words, to just be immortalized. We're so honored, so humbled, so unbelievably blessed," Kelly said.

Path

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want to," he said.

Trustee Matt Oddy inquired if the proposed trail would involve Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville.

"The suggested pathway shows going up there so I just wondered," he said.

LaPorte said there was an email address created to answer questions. He said the account has been turned over to the DPW to monitor and manage and that the email address would be posted on the city web page.

"This is conceptual. The county did not want to go any further without us approving the ideology of it tonight," he said.

The motion to accept the concept was approved by a 5-1 vote with Supervisor Tim Bowman excused and Trustee Peggy Morgan casting the no vote.

Trustees OK added employee for clerk's office

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved the posting of a clerical job in the clerk's office by a 5-1 vote during the Feb. 8 meeting.

The approval came after extensive discussion of the exact duties of the proposed employee and the hours of work necessary to provide the relief needed in Township Clerk Esther Hurst's office. Hurst told the board members that she felt she was being "held hostage" in the current situation with one full-time employee off on long-term disability leave and upcoming election duties responsibilities.

"My staff is overworked," she said, explaining that she did not want to put the hiring of help in her department off any longer. The issue was tabled at the last meeting of the board when Hurst was excused. Trustees said at that meeting they wanted her input on the duties of the requested employee.

Board members differed in their assessment and opinions regarding the assignment of both payroll and payables along with election experience and assistance to the clerk as part of the position.

During the extensive discussion of the situation, Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick explained the current staffing situation noting that there is an election looming and that there are matters that must be attended to in a timely manner. Burdick also explained the increased need for staffing as the contract with ADP to handle township payroll has taken more in-house employee time rather than the fewer hours anticipated.

Trustee Matt Oddy acknowledged the staffing situation in Hurst's department and during the last meeting urged board members to hire a temporary employee to provide some help. He added, however, that there was not an election every year and that in the past, the clerk had utilized employees from other departments during elections.

"I do whatever it takes to make it happen," Hurst responded. "I don't want to put this off." She suggested that the issue of the return of the full-time employee to work could be dealt with when and if it happened but that her office needed immediate relief from the workload.

The trustees approved the posting that Hurst requested for an employee to handle "responsibilities of payroll/accounts payable clerk/election specialist and clerk's office assistant reporting to the clerk's office."

Trustee Peggy Morgan cast the lone dissenting vote. Supervisor Tim Bowman was excused from the meeting.

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